

"Oh nonsense," said Mrs. Lehmann.

Julius Rosenwald, philanthropist, exponent of the civil spirit, director of the committee of fifteen, vice president of the United Charities and president of Sears-Roebuck & Co., was tried next.

"Improper conditions in the home is the chief cause of girls becoming immoral," he said.

"Don't you think that low wages may have something to do with it?" Rosenwald was asked.

"No," he said promptly. "Low wages never made a girl bad. If a girl is bad, she's bad. Low wages has nothing to do with it. Anyway I don't want to talk about low wages, I might be summoned before the senate white slave committee on that question."

If it be any relief to Mr. Rosenwald to know it, he almost certainly will be "summoned before the senate white slave committee on that question." The resolution authorizing the subpoenaing of department store owners to explain low wages in department stores was expressly changed to read, "department stores and factories," for the benefit of Mr. Rosenwald.

Another instance of the effect of law wages came up in the criminal branch of the municipal court before Judge Scully today.

Mrs. Florence Stedlander, 40 years old, 1246 Lincoln Parkway, an employe of the Boston store; Ida Lutz, 21 years old, 1423 West Monroe, also an employe of the Boston; and Ruby Lyons, 20, 1423

West Monroe street, an employe of Carson, Pirie, Scott, & Co., were charged with the theft of some \$400 worth of goods from the stores by Detective Ed McGuire.

The three women are friends. All pleaded guilty. It developed that Mrs. Stedlander's 18-year-old daughter was to have been married in St. Paul yesterday, and that much of the stuff she had stolen had been for her daughter's trousseau, and that Ida Lutz had been sick, and that Ruby Lyons had supported her for the last three weeks.

"How much do you make?" Judge Scully asked Mrs. Stedlander.

"Two dollars a week and commissions," she said.

"What does that amount to?"

"Sometimes it runs as high as \$15 or \$18 a week, but often it is as low as \$6 a week."

"And how much do you make?" Scully asked the two girls.

"Eight dollars," they both replied.

Judge Scully shrugged his shoulders.

"Low wages again," he said, and paroled all three women for one year.

After the court was over, Judge Scully said, sadly:

"I often have thought of department stores and what they have done to the morals of young girls. People say the girls are bad anyway. Possibly some of them are a little weak; probably we'd all be a little weak in a similar situation.